

THE WEATHER:
Partly cloudy tonight, probably followed by showers late tonight or early tomorrow morning. Temperature at 8 A. M., 52 degrees. Normal temperature for May 15 for the last thirty years, 64 degrees.

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NC-4 ALIGHTS ON WATER, RESUMES TRIP DIRIGIBLE SAFE AT NEWFOUNDLAND

HAM ADMITS W. R. AND E. USED SURPLUS FORD DIVIDENDS

By BILL PRICE.
The Public Utilities Commission today resumed investigations into the affairs of the Washington Railway and Electric Company in relation to the application of that company for increased revenues. It began sharp cross-examination of William F. Ham, president of the company, as to facts and figures heretofore submitted by him indicating that for the year 1919 the company will fall far short of earning sufficient net revenues to meet its obligations.

The company has estimated, from its own books, that its net revenues for this year should be increased by \$600,000 if it is to keep up proper maintenance of its physical properties and meet all obligations, including interest on bonded debt and on \$15,000,000 of stock capitalization.

Ask About Figures.
Colonel Kutz, chairman of the commission, and Conrad Syme, its counsel, both made pertinent inquiries concerning the estimated income and operating expenditures for the year, and the commission has reached conclusions, from their investigations, that the company has set up figures that are more doleful in appearance than they ought to be.

So the cross-examination this morning was largely for the purpose of trying to ascertain what the gross revenues of the company will be for 1919, as compared with 1918, and the probable operating expenses, thereby arriving at probable net revenues.

W. McK. Clayton, at the start of the hearing, informed the commission that not only did he appear as chairman of the committee on public utilities of the Federation of Citizens' Associations, but likewise represented W. B. Westlake, Charles W. Ray, and W. S. Torbert, citizens of Washington, who desired to be made parties to the proceedings so that if appeals from the decisions of the commission are desired.

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**3 BANDITS ROB
BANK OF \$20,000**

DOLTON, Ill., May 15.—Three masked bandits, with drawn revolvers, today robbed the First National Bank here of between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

The robbers drove the cashier and his woman assistant into the vaults, looted the cash drawers and escaped in an automobile.

MAY BE BRIDE OF PRINCE OF WALES



LADY PHYLLIS KING.
Daughter of the Earl of Lovelace, who, it is reported, may be wedded to the Prince of Wales. The question of who the Prince of Wales will select as his bride is puzzling the British aristocracy. The war has narrowed the choice of royal marriages and it is believed the heir to the British throne will select a bride from the British nobility.

ELKS PLANNING \$2,000,000 HOME HERE

Making Washington the headquarters of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, with a magnificent building costing \$2,000,000, containing a convention hall with a seating capacity of 6,000, is the program of Washington Lodge No. 15, E. P. O. E., to be offered at the national convention of the order at Atlantic City in July. This ambitious campaign has the sanction of the Elks' reconstruction commission, headed by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John A. Tener, former governor of Pennsylvania.

Past Exalted Ruler Joseph A. Burkart, of Washington lodge, is responsible for the suggestion and will bring it before the attention of the entire organization at Atlantic City. He was given unanimous support of the project by Washington Elks at the big initiation meeting at the New Willard last night.

Raised \$1,000,000 Fund.
The Elks raised a fund of \$1,000,000 for war purposes and were about to raise another million when the armistice was signed. Not all this first million was found necessary, and about \$150,000 remains. It is not thought feasible to apportion this money among the 1,400 lodges, and it is expected that it will be the kernel of a fund designed to erect in Washington a magnificent building.

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**COSTA RICA REBELS
CONTINUE ADVANCE**

SAN SALVADOR, May 15.—Advises from Nicaragua say that Costa Rican revolutionary forces continue to advance and are defeating the troops under President Tinoco, capturing numerous prisoners and some war material. A circular has been addressed to the government of Central America asking recognition of the belligerency of the revolution.

6 DROWN AS BARGE SINKS DURING HEAVY GALE AT SEA

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., May 15.—A mother and her four children and an engineer were drowned when the barge Nanticoke from Perth Amboy, N. J., filled and sank in five minutes in a northeast gale six miles off the Isles of Shoals early today.

The dead:
Mrs. William Gray, of Perth Amboy, N. J., wife of Captain Gray, of the Nanticoke.
Four children of Captain and Mrs. Gray, ranging in ages from five months up to 8 years.
Engineer (name unknown), of the Nanticoke.

Tries To Save Family.
The barge sank while Captain Gray was making frantic efforts to fight his way to the family sleeping quarters under the pilot house. He was driven back by the rising water.

Allan McDougall, of Perth Amboy, a deck hand, had launched a small boat. When the barge sank Captain Gray managed to get to the small boat. He and McDougall drifted until 6 o'clock, when their boat was sighted a mile off shore by the crew of the Rye Beach life-saving station.

The life savers put out in a lifeboat and brought the two survivors to the station. Captain Gray was nearly insane with grief over the loss of his family.

The Nanticoke was the sternmost of the three barges, laden heavily with coal and in tow of the tug Triton, bound from Perth Amboy to Portland and Rockland, Me.

Sees Boat Is Sinking.
The gale kicked up a rough sea. At 1 o'clock in the morning, while Captain Gray and McDougall were on deck, the captain noticed that the Nanticoke was sinking rapidly by the stern.

Yelling to McDougall to get the small boat over, the captain dove for the pilot house and sleeping quarters underneath, where his family and the engineer were asleep.

Before he could get to his family the stern of the barge was submerged. The heavily laden craft was about to go down. The mother, children, and the engineer were caught in the fatal water trap.

The barge, with its six victims, sank so rapidly that the small boat, with the captain and McDougall was nearly carried down in the suction.

**3 THOUGHT DEAD
IN SHIP EXPLOSION**

The City of Mobile, a barkentine of Port Arthur, Tex., loaded with gasoline, practically was destroyed with the probable loss of three lives, as the result of an explosion while the vessel was in the harbor of Montevideo, Uruguay, yesterday, the State Department was advised today.

De Witt Harp and L. Howard Thomas, Americans, and Carl Pearson, a Spanish citizen, are reported missing and probably dead. The men were with the ship at Jacksonville, Fla.

German Delegates Oppose Trial of Ex-Kaiser

PARIS, May 15.—The German peace delegates will oppose signing that article of the treaty providing for trial of the former Kaiser, it was learned this afternoon.

Foreign Minister Brockdorff-Rantzau was understood to have forwarded a note to the allies accepting German responsibility for the war to the extent of agreeing that reparation is necessary, but denying individual responsibility.

CHEAPER GAS FIGHT BEGUN IN COURT

A fight for cheaper gas for private consumers was begun today in the District Supreme Court by William Hollis and Sam Goodman, candy manufacturers, of Takoma Park, who filed suit against the Public Utilities Commission, the District Commissioners, and the Washington Gas Light Company to enjoin them from charging private consumers of gas in excess of the rate of 75 cents per thousand cubic feet, as established by Congressional act of March 4, 1913.

Plaintiffs represented by Attorney Roscoe F. Walter, declared that the action of the Public Utilities Commission permitting an increase in the gas rates from 75 cents to 90 cents was illegal, and they asked that the gas company be required to return to them the excess amount charged for gas used by them.

NEGRO HANGED AND BURNED BY MOB

VICKSBURG, Miss., May 15.—Lloyd Clay, a young negro, was taken from the county jail here late last night by a mob of a thousand men, marched to the center of the city, hanged on a large elm tree, and burned after his body had been riddled with bullets and saturated with oil.

The mob easily overpowered Sheriff Scott and twelve deputies who attempted to frustrate the lynching. Deputy Cockrell was injured internally with a crowbar which was used to batter down the jail doors. Clay had been arrested earlier in the day charged with assaulting a white girl. The tree on which Clay was lynched was in front of the home where the alleged assault occurred.

NEW AERIAL MAIL SERVICE STARTS

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 15.—Daily aerial mail service was inaugurated today between Cleveland and Chicago today. Carrying a large sack of fire-class mail and greetings from Postmaster Murphy of Cleveland to the postmaster of Chicago, the big mail plane, piloted by "Eddie" Gardner, former army aviator, took the air at the Woodland hill field at 9:30 a. m., heading for Chicago.

At Bryan, Max Miller is waiting to take up the flight in the event he is needed. An aviator was scheduled to depart from Chicago for Cleveland at the same hour.

NEW CASUALTY LIST OF A. E. F. 289,701

Casualties in the A. E. F. to date total 289,701, the War Department announced today. Of these 34,145 were killed in action, 14,224 died of wounds, 23,276 died of disease, 4,602 died of other causes, 4,744 were taken prisoners, 3,537 missing in action, and 294,745 were wounded.

LABOR CLAUSE OF PACT MUST STAND, TIGER TELLS FOES

COBLENZ, May 14.—(Delayed)—General Pershing, asked what America would do in event the Germans refused to sign the peace treaty, replied she "would play her part, whatever that might be."

PARIS, May 15.—The allies have flatly refused to consider the German proposal for readjustment of the labor section of the peace treaty, it was officially stated today. Three of the seven communications submitted by enemy delegates thus have been turned down. Answers to the others have not been made public.

The German communication, signed by Foreign Minister Brockdorff-Rantzau, said:

"With reference to articles five, five and fifty-six of the proposals for the establishment of a League of Nations, submitted by us, we beg herewith to transmit the draft of an international agreement on labor law prepared by the German government."

Propose Own Program.
The German government is of one mind with the allied and associated governments in holding that the greatest attention must be given to labor questions. Domestic peace and the advancement of mankind depend vitally on the adjustment of this question. The demands for social justice repeatedly raised in this respect by the working classes of all nations are only partly realized in section 13 of the draft of peace conditions of the allied and associated governments on the organization of labor. These subliminal demands for the most part have been realized in Germany with the assistance of the working classes.

It is generally acknowledged, in an explanatory manner, in order to carry them into execution everywhere in the interest of mankind, the acceptance of the program of the German delegation is at least necessary.

Protest Blockade.
A protest against the blockade of the Central Empires was moved at the congress of women today. Frau Glucklich, of Hungary, declared that the blockade was responsible for Bolshevism in her country.

Thirty-two American delegates are present, including Jane Addams, of Chicago, Ida Tarbell and Jeannette Rankin, the former member of the American Congress.

England is represented by 23 delegates, including Mrs. Philip Snowden and Mrs. Despard.

Only one woman represents France. There are three representatives from Ireland, 27 from Germany and four from Austria-Hungary.

Plead Starvation.
In moving the resolution opposing the blockade some of the delegates declared it was bringing starvation to women and children.

Frau Heyman, of Germany, said that German women protested against the invasion of Belgium and the human deportations of civilians from Belgium.

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WITH CROSS-OCEAN FLIERS TODAY

American dirigible balloon C-5 reached St. Johns, Newfoundland, at 9:40 a. m. (New York time), completing a flight of 1,055 miles from Montauk, L. I., almost the distance from Newfoundland to the Azores, without stopping. She may attempt to cross the Atlantic.

American seaplane NC-4 hopped off from Halifax at 9:05 (New York time), for Trepassey, Newfoundland, alighted on water for repairs, then resumed flight.

Crews of the NC-1 and NC-3 spent the day tuning up their planes at Trepassey.

British aviators at St. Johns decided not to attempt a start across the Atlantic because of rain and fog.

COMPROMISE IS SOUGHT IN SENATE ROW

Further efforts were being made today by Senate "regular" Republicans to compromise with progressives the fight on Senators Penrose and Warren as chairmen of the Finance and Appropriations Committees.

These efforts were directed at reaching individual progressives through various means, and thus decimating the progressive voting strength in final test. Regulars today claimed that of the eight progressives who have attended conferences in Senator Borah's office, five will vote for Penrose.

The fight on Warren, regulars admitted, has more chance of succeeding than that on Penrose.

Won't Yield on Penrose.
As to Penrose, the regulars declare they will not yield. Senator Smoot, however, is much more generally favored among Republicans of both factions for chairman of the Appropriation Committee, because he is regarded as more likely to carry out the Republican economy program than Warren.

Progressives will hold another conference following the naming of the Committee on Committees, which will draw up the committee lists. Senator Lodge said today he does not know when he will name this committee.

To Demand Caucus.
Senator Borah will demand that the caucus called to consider the report of this committee be public. He and other progressives will not attend unless the caucus is open, and then only with the understanding that they are not to be bound by its action, Borah said.

**RUSSELLITES FREE
FROM JAIL TERMS**

NEW YORK, May 15.—Eight leaders of the Russellite cult escaped long prison terms for alleged disloyalty during the war when the United States Circuit Court of Appeals today reversed the decision of the United States District Court in Brooklyn, in which the men were found guilty of conspiracy to violate the espionage law.

Judge Henry D. Ward, in announcing the reversal, stated that the defendants did not have the temperate and impartial trial to which they were entitled.

BIG 'HOP OFF' AT TREPASSEY IS DELAYED BY BAD WEATHER

Unsettled weather threatens to delay the navy flight to the Azores.

Reports reaching the Navy Department today said clouds and rain squalls on the eastern part of the course, and poor visibility rendered conditions "quite unsatisfactory."

This information was compiled by the Weather Bureau from data sent by radio from destroyers stationed along the route. Radio transmissions from Newfoundland were very unsatisfactory and practically no reports were being received from that region.

A report to the navy from Admiral Towers, in command of the flying fleet, sent before the latest weather forecast had been received, declared that the machines were tuned to perfection and that it might be "advisable" to start from Trepassey for the Azores at sundown tonight.

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, May 15.
While flying from Halifax to Newfoundland today the seaplane NC-4, alighted on the water, made necessary repairs, and again took the air and continued her flight toward Trepassey Bay.

Aviation experts here regarded this feat as of the highest importance, as it demonstrated the fact that the NC planes during their trans-Atlantic trip will be able, if necessary, to descend, make repairs, and resume their voyage without assistance.

Thirty Miles Out.
Various unconfirmed reports were circulated here early today that the NC-4 had returned to this harbor. The spot where the seaplane alighted for repairs is about thirty miles from Halifax, near the coast.

The plane, after having made a good start from this port, was seen to circle downward. She was up again and well on her way to Newfoundland at 12:47 p. m.

BIG U. S. NAVY DIRIGIBLE ARRIVES AT ST. JOHNS ON CROSS-OCEAN FLIGHT

ST. JOHNS, Newfoundland, May 15.—The American dirigible C-5 reached St. Johns safely today at 9:40 a. m. (Washington time), and is now moving toward the field reserved for her at Quidi Vido, near here.

The "Blimp" was first sighted this morning as she passed over the island of St. Pierre, fifteen miles south of the Newfoundland coast, her gray body scarcely distinguishable in the morning mists. She was proceeding at about sixty miles an hour, and fifteen minutes later passed over the mainland.

The balloon reduced her speed to such an extent during the flight that she required twenty-five hours and forty minutes to make the 1,055 mile flight from Montauk Point, L. I. Her average speed was only about forty nautical miles an hour.

Rain and Fog.
Light rain began falling shortly after the "Blimp" reached the shore of Newfoundland at 4:15 a. m., a fog began mantling the country and contrary winds set in. The dirigible poked her way through the mists and climbed higher.

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